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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME: | Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. |
| PLACE: | 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building |
| MINUTES APPROVED: | 12/09/2014 |

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Tonya Coats, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Heather Smith, Professional Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2014

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 16, 2014 meeting. Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from Audiology/HAD Legislative Committee

Ms. Marencin advised the Board that the Committee has completed the proposed changes to the statute, and that a draft bill will be circulated for the Board to review and consider during their next regularly scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

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| Jodi Disario | Christina Earl | Kimberly Hill | Ann Johnston | Sarah Khan |
| Bridget Mulrooney | Emily Rutt | Katherine Smies | Nicole Weesjess | Joyce Berkowitz |

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

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| Kara Arnold | Natalie DeWitt | Jennifer Donahue | Lauryn Goldberg | Sarah Getman |
| Rebecca Mullen | | | | |

Ratification of Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the following hearing aid dispenser application for permanent licensure, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

John Criasia

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Licensure Extension Requests

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the extension request for the following temporary speech pathologist. Motion unanimously carried.

Caroline Gigon

Ratification of Audiologist Application

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the following audiologist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Kathleen Johnson

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application

The Board reviewed Patricia Vaselli's permanent speech pathologist application. Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Hearing Aid Supervisory Report

The Board reviewed the hearing aid supervisory report for Betty Jean Ruhe, who currently holds a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Xenakes moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to accept the supervisory report and to approve Ms. Ruhe to sit for the national examination. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Continuing Education Documents Pursuant to Final Order RE: Cora (O'Donnell) Slaughter

The Board reviewed the continuing education documents submitted by Cora Slaughter, pursuant to the Final Order. Ms. Coats moved, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to accept the six hours from the course titled

"The Very Best Treatment for ADHD and the Processing Orders." Ms. Slaughter will be notified that she cannot apply the accepted continuing education credits towards the current licensure cycle. Additionally, she will be advised that she is now in compliance with the Final Order, as she has paid the monetary penalty, and completed the required continuing education. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Proposed 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2015. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month, with the exception of April, July, and December. Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Coats, to accept the proposed meeting dates. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes to approve, deny, or table the following continuing educational activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Kelly Barnes **Approved for 3.0 CS & 4.0 PG, Not 3.0 CS & 3.0 PG as Requested**
Sponsor: Williams Syndrome Association
Activity: Educational Conference on Williams Syndrome
Contact Hours: 3.0 CS & 4.0 PG

Licensee: Vanessa Cooper **Approved for PG Only, Not CS as Requested**
Sponsor: PESI
Activity: Special Education Law in Delaware
Contact Hours: 6.0 PG

Sponsor: Bayada Home Health Care **Approved for 6.5 PG, Not 6.0 PG as Requested**
Activity: Special Children, Special Needs: Meeting the Challenges of Advocating for the Medically Complex Child
Contact Hours: 6.0 PG

Licensee: Jennifer Blackford **Approved**
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: A Review of Literature: Apraxia and Head/Neck Cancer
Contact Hours: 1.0 CS

Licensee: Rona Budovitch Caplan **Approved for 2.0 PG, Not 3.0 PG as Requested**
Sponsor: The Evelyn Hayes Innovations In Healthcare Symposium
Activity: The Neuropsychiatric Complications of Parkinson's Disease: Effective Assessment and Treatment Approaches
Contact Hours: 2.0 PG

Rona Budovitch Caplan **Denied – Activity is Considered a Job-Related Duty**
Sponsor: Brandywine School District
Activity: Systems & Eligibility for Speech-Language Pathologists
Contact Hours: 4.0 CS

Licensee: Rona Budovitch Caplan **Tabled for Presenters Resumes, Detailed Course Agenda, and Licensee is to be notified that unless PLC incorporates a CEU, it is not considered acceptable continuing education**
Sponsor: Brandywine School District
Activity: Service Delivery Procedures for School-based Speech Language Pathologists
Contact Hours: 2.0 CS

Review Request for Reconsideration of Continuing Education Activity Submitted by Bayada Home Health Care for the Activity Titled: "Current Treatment Concepts in Home Health Rehabilitation (Fall 2014)"

The Board reviewed the request for reconsideration from Bayada Home Health Care for the activity titled "Current Treatment Concepts in Home Health Rehabilitation (Fall 2014)", as well as the course documentation, which was previously reviewed during the September meeting. Ms. Coats moved, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the continuing education request for 6.0 CS hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Regarding Telehealth/Telepractice

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin circulated telepractice documentation that she retrieved from ASHA's website. She suggested that the Board discuss if there is a need or want for telepractice within the state. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin indicated that the audiologists are concerned with the online sale of hearing aids and telepractice.

Ms. Coats reported that the problem that some schools and individuals are facing is that feeding therapy is not accessible.

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that their current regulations address telepractice, but they are extremely vague. She questioned the Board as to whether they want to address the telepractice in the statute or the rules and regulations. The Board decided that the current regulation needs to be changed in order to make the rules for telepractice clearer. The Board will review ASHA's information regarding telepractice and will begin drafting regulatory changes during their next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business before the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

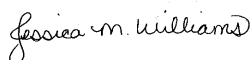
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II